

Psalms 107:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Analysis

This verse describes God's deliverance from storm. 'He maketh the storm a calm' shows instant transformation. 'Maketh' (qum, קִיַּם) means He causes to stand or establishes—He institutes calm. 'Storm' becomes 'calm' (demamah, דַּמְמָה), meaning silence, whisper, or stillness—the same word for 'still small voice' after Elijah's storm (1 Kings 19:12). 'So that the waves thereof are still' uses chashak (חָשַׁק), meaning hushed or quieted. The raging chaos becomes peaceful quiet. This demonstrates divine authority over creation's fury. Jesus' command 'Peace, be still' (Mark 4:39) echoes this—creation obeys the Creator's word instantly.

Historical Context

Jesus calming the storm fulfilled this pattern (Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25). The disciples marveled: 'What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?' The answer: He's the Creator whose word commands nature. For storm-tossed disciples and later storm-experiencing church, this demonstrated Jesus' divine power and availability in crisis. God's storm-calming continues figuratively—He brings peace to life's chaotic circumstances.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's instant calming of storms demonstrate His sovereignty?
2. In what ways does Jesus' storm-calming reveal His divine identity?
3. How does God bring calm to the spiritual and emotional storms believers face?

Interlinear Text

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He maketh	the storm	a calm	thereof are still	so that the waves
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 8:26 (Parallel theme): And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

Psalms 65:7 (Parallel theme): Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

Psalms 89:9 (Parallel theme): Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

Jonah 1:15 (Parallel theme): So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.